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Dear parents and carers,

You will be aware of the on-going debate between the teaching unions and the government regarding school re-opening tomorrow. The debate centres around the safety of staff in schools and the apparent conflict between government advice and that of SAGE. Whilst we have a robust risk assessment in place, and have had throughout this pandemic, the teaching unions feel that the government should delay the opening of schools until the R rate declines.

I am sorry to write to you at this late stage, but the teachers in Maple and Willow Classes have informed me this afternoon that they are following their union's advice and are not coming into the work place until SAGE says it is safe to do so. They will be providing home learning on Seesaw with effect from 9am tomorrow and every day thereafter until they feel it is safe to return to work. Oak class remains open as usual.

We will be looking at ways in which we can provide face to face teaching for children of key workers beyond tomorrow.

I reiterate my apologies for the short notice. Please be assured I am writing to you as soon as I have been made aware of the position at school regarding staff attendance. I can assure you, we will keep you updated regularly on the situation as it evolves.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Headteacher.

*Working collaboratively with Pinchbeck East CofE and Spalding Primary Schools*

